



First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) Weekly Update to the State and Territory Single Points of Contact - May 20, 2015

FirstNet News

- On 5/14 we held the Industry Day at FirstNet headquarters and broadcast via webcast. More than 425 representatives from federal and state agencies, local jurisdictions, public safety associations, and the vendor community participated in person or via the webcast. The presentation is available on our website at <http://www.firstnet.gov/content/firstnet-industry-day-may-2015>
- The 26th and 27th initial consultations meetings took place in Louisiana (LA) and Arkansas (AR). The LA meeting had about 85 attendees. The AR meeting had about 70 state and local representatives, including those from neighboring states. Discussions on real world use cases at the meetings included tornado responses and large planned events in those states.
- This week, FirstNet will be participating in the U.S. Virgin Islands, Maine and Idaho initial consultation meetings; the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Law Enforcement Information Management Conference; the National Association of Counties (NACo) Western Interstate Region Board Meeting; the State of Texas Executive Council Priority and Preemption webinar, and the State Broadband Leaders Workshop (hosted by NTIA).
- Last week, FirstNet participated in The President's NSTAC Big Data Analytics Subcommittee, the Texas Emergency Management Conference, the Department of Commerce's "Big-A" conference and the National Peace Officer's Memorial Day Ceremony.
- The FirstNet Committee and Board meetings will be held June 2-3 at the Omni Hotel in San Diego, followed by the [PSCR conference](#) June 3-5. Additional details may be found on the [Federal Register website](#).
- **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** To date, FirstNet has received 51 of 56 completed consultation checklists. Confirmed upcoming initial consultation meetings are: Virgin Islands (5/19), Maine (5/20), Idaho (5/21), Connecticut (5/27), New Hampshire (6/9), New Mexico (6/10), Ohio (6/11), Vermont (6/16), Kansas (6/17), Wisconsin (6/18), Illinois (7/14), Alabama (7/15), Georgia (7/21), California (7/28-29), Tennessee (7/23), Pennsylvania (8/4), Hawaii (8/11-12), American Samoa (8/13-

14), Indiana (8/26), Michigan (9/1) and New Jersey (9/3). An updated schedule can be viewed on the [website tracker](#).

- The 27 initial consultation meetings to date have involved more than 1,750 state, tribal, and local representatives. Overall, we have connected with more than 25,000 public safety and private sector stakeholders at more than 175 outreach and consultation engagements in fiscal year 2015 to date.

News from the States and PSAC Associations

- The Texas 2015 Emergency Management Conference (5/12-15) was attended—and included FirstNet presentations by—Brian Hobson, Brian Kassa, and Carl Rebstock. Greater than 2,800 attendees registered, representing more than 30 agencies on the Governor’s Emergency Management Council, all three tribes within the state, and public officials from the local, state, and national governments, as well as emergency medical personnel, firefighters, law enforcement officers, Texas Military Forces, voluntary organizations and private sector partners. Officials from academia; border security and port security; cyber security; health, medical, and veterinarian care; media; telecommunications; and transportation also participated. Topics covered a panoply of issues that touched on all aspects of response and recovery. Details may be found at <https://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/conference/txEmerMgmtConf.htm>.
- The PSAC will be meeting from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm PDT at the Omni Hotel in San Diego on June 1. The meeting will be open to the public from 3:15-5:00 pm PDT. Details on how to register to attend the open meeting or view the webcast will soon be posted on the FirstNet website.

Media Watch

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Traditional Media

Media coverage of FirstNet included articles about Industry Day and the Special Notice with

Draft RFP Documents.

The Performance Institute: Are We Any Closer to a Nationwide Public Safety Wireless Broadband Network?

http://www.performanceinstitute.org/2015/05/12/are-we-any-closer-to-a-nationwide-public-safety-wireless-broadband-network/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=are-we-any-closer-to-a-nationwide-public-safety-wireless-broadband-network

Are we there yet? That's what the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation asked at the March 11 hearing. Good question. In the world of public safety, people come to expect quick results. If your house is on fire, you are a victim of a crime, or if you are gripped with pain due to a heart attack, you expect public safety to be there within minutes. Shouldn't those brave first responders expect the same immediacy when they need help?

Government Matters: Sunday Talk Shows: (WJLA at 9:30) Hosts FirstNet's TJ Kennedy

<http://www.wjla.com/articles/2015/05/government-matters---may-10-2015-113886.html#ixzz3a9Cg2KUH>

FirstNet Acting Executive Director TJ Kennedy discusses "early builder projects," the organization's draft RFP, and staffing concerns.

Web and Social Media

In addition to the two consultation meetings, social media discussion touched on Industry Day, the Texas Emergency Management Conference, and National Police Week. The FirstNet Twitter account has more than 2,196 followers; LinkedIn 711; Google+ 41; and YouTube 109 subscribers.

FirstNet blog topics last week included one on the Harris County Early Builders Project and two about National Police Week 2015 – included one from FirstNet Board Member Chris Burbank. EMS Week is this week: <http://www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/national-ems-week-2015>. All blogs are available at: <http://www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog>.

Additionally, the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) published a blog on the deadline extension for state data collection. You may find that here: <http://blog.npstc.org/2015/05/12/deadline-extended-for-state-data-collection-for-firstnet-planning/>